THE VICTORIAN BING CROSBY SOCIETY SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

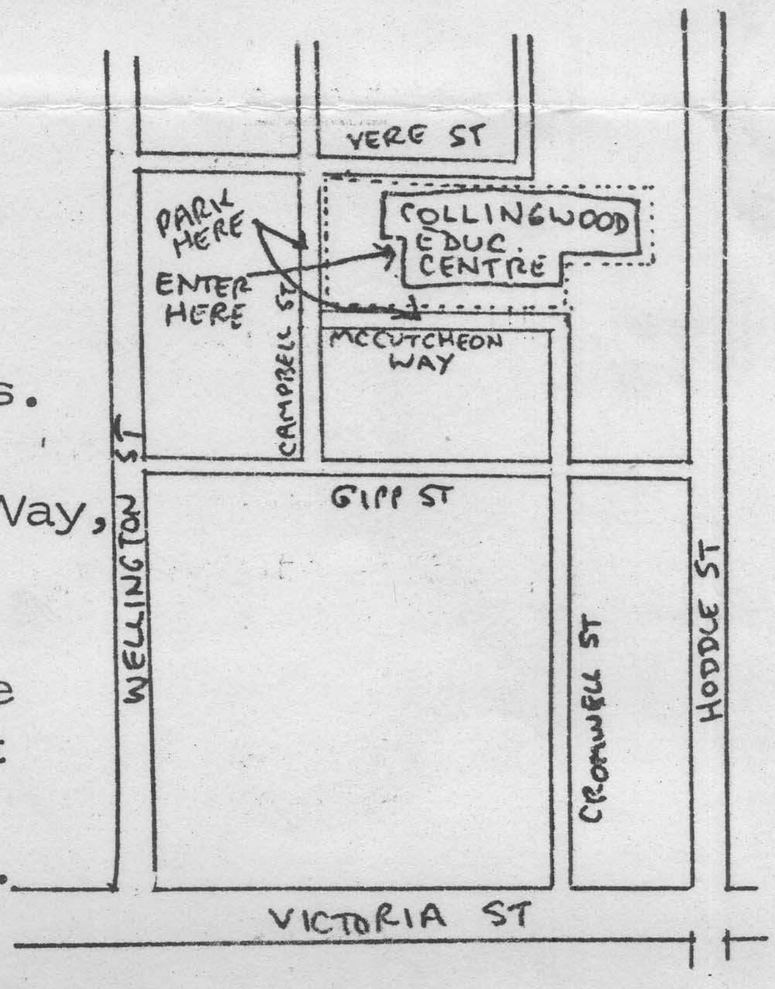
Hello again,
With our next functions in the offing, we thought that a supplementary newsletter would be a good idea at this stage, several weeks having passed since our last effort. To jog your memory therefore, here are reminders of:

1. SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH 11.00 am - 6.00 pm Barbecue.

The venue, this time, is the home of president, Bob Machliss: 10 Devon St, Caulfield. Devon Street is off Glen Eira Road, just across Hawthorn Road in the direction of the racecourse. If you get lost, phone 523 9263. Admission is $2.00 per head, children under 16 free. Please B.Y.O.G. As with our last barbecue, you will have the opportunity to win records and other prizes. As before, all meat and salads will be supplied.

2. SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm Film Afternoon

You will be delighted to know that we have succeeded in obtaining a print of Bing's 1936 movie: "Pennies from Heaven". To my knowledge, this film has not been shown anywhere since the early 1950's so we are very excited that we have been at last able to find a copy. The film, a major milestone in Bing's career, gave him in the title song, a melody and a musical direction that was to last for many years. The film afternoon will once again be held at the Collingwood Education Centre, McCutcheon Way, Collingwood. The map opposite shows where you should park and enter. At our last meeting, there was some confusion as to this point. By the way, that map isn't strictly to scale and does not show one-way streets, etc. I suggest that you consult a street directory for precise directions.



Entrance fee Regrettably, we have to charge an entrance fee for this and future film afternoons. There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that the cost of the hall has risen from $10 to $25 since our last screening. In addition to this, we are endeavouring to build up a "bank" of a few hundred dollars to enable us to expand our services to you, our members. More about this in a moment. Rest assured, however, that any extra money you put in to the society will benefit you in the long run. For Sunday April 9th, our charges will be:1 Adult: $2.00, Husband and Wife: $3.00, Families: $4.00. If these prices pose any undue burden on you, please let me know in confidence and something will be arranged. On reading that last paragraph back, I see that I have ommitted to include the price of $1 per head for pensioners.

BOOKS ON BING AT A SPECIAL PRICE TO MEMBERS

Additional funds, such as described above, will enable us to make available to you special offers, such as the following. We have been able, through the kindness of Gordon and Gotch, to purchase 100 copies each of two publications on Bing which arrived recently from the United States. These are (from memory) "Bing - a pictorial tribute", and "The Bing Crosby Album". Both will be on sale to members at our Barbecue and Film Afternoon at a price to be determined; far less though than normal retail. You will appreciate that to purchase 200 of these books requires an investment of around $300 on our part, and to purchase them has left us with virtually a zero bank balance.

BING'S LAST RECORD WAS NOT 'SEASONS'!

One piece of news which you may not yet have caught up with yet, is that Bing entered a recording studio one more time after recording "Seasons". That last named was completed four weeks before he died. Just four days before Bing passed away, he recorded two tracks with the Joe Bushkin group as his contribution to a special album tribute to jazz. One of the songs was a reworking of "Now you has Jazz"; I'm not sure of the other at this stage. More details on the LP when they come to hand.

THE CROSBY COLLECTOR - NEXT BROADCAST

The next edition of "The Crosby Collector" goes to air the same day as our barbecue, March 12th! (So I would appreciate it if the barbecue finished at 6.00 pm sharp!) The programme, which starts at the usual time of 9.00 pm on 3CR, is based on a fascinating book published more than 30 years ago entitled " Bing Crosby and the Bing Crosby Style" by Dr J.T. Mize".

See you at the barbecue. Best wishes,

Bob Machliss